

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-8 are pending. In this response, claim 1 has been amended. Thus, claims 1-8 will remain pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 2-8 and objected to claim 1. Claim 1 was objected to because of an informality, and appropriate correction was required. In this response, claim 1 has been amended to correct the informality.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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